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Testimony of reason for the proposed limitation of property tax mileage requests or extensions to the November elections.

Living the life of a construction worker, both as an employee and predominately as an owner of an excavation company, it became obvious that the system of requesting taxation of property owners was being manipulated by special interest groups, that once rejected would just continue said mileage requests over and over again until they managed to wear out opposition and reduce the voting populace to a mere percent that favored their proposal.

It is very difficult for a construction worker to get to the polls when they work all the daylight hours available in agreeable weather. The first part of November has shorter days and little chance of severe winter weather, yielding the best chance to get to the polls with what little energy left from the day's work. I remember all too well those days when I worked in the fields, then eventually walked into the polls with muddy clothes and especially those cold, wet boots.

Other workers may not face the extreme conditions of the individual with a career in excavation or farming, but many still face the day to day drudgery of long hours and the critical decision of voting verses resting or just spending time with the kids.

It is of the utmost importance to have the working man vote on all taxation, they are the ones paying the bills; they must be heard at the ballot box and not manipulated in an unconscionable manner with voting that essentially restricts them from participation.

It has been my long term philosophy of life that; "If you are not doing what is right for your Great Grandchildren, in both your personal life and government, you are doing it wrong." Having property taxation restricted to the November elections, when all working men have the best chance

to get to the polls and the wisdom of the masses are most predominant, is the right consideration of the future generations.

My testimony on this 5th day of November 2013,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Shrapnell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

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